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SUBJECT: BULA, KISSINGER AND DAVIS

1. HIS EXCELLENCY THE CITYOYEN COMMISSAIRE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
BULA MANDUNGU GRACIOUSLY RECEIVED ME FROM 11:00 PM  
TO SLIGHTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT MAR 13-14M SPECIFIC  
SUBJECTS COVERED BEING REPORTED SEPTELS.

2. EARLY IN CONVERSATION BULA TOLD ME HE IS GOING TO  
HAVANA MARCH 17-19. HE IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER ASKED  
ME IF SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD STILL BE IN MIDDLE EAST,  
TO WHICH I REPLIED THAT SECRETARY'S PLANS TO RETURN  
WASHINGTON WERE INDEFINITE. IT PERFECTLY CLEAR BULA  
WAS ANGLING FOR INVITATION TO MEET WITH SECRETARY.

3. CONSIDERABLE LATER IN CONVERSATION I TOLD BULA THAT  
NOW THAT DAVIS WAS CONFIRMED BY SENATE, I TRUSTED THAT  
UNFORTUNATE CONTRETEMPS SURROUNDING HIS APPOINTMENT  
WOULD BE BEHIND US AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE WOULD  
WORK WITH DAVIS IN COOPERATIVE SPIRIT IN SUPPORT OUR  
MUTUAL INTERSTS. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT AS HE KNEW  
OUTRAGEOUS REMAKS OF SIERRE LEONE FOREIGN MINSITER  
IN ADDIS REARDING ALLEGED AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REJECTIONS  
OF DAVIS AS AMBASSADOR WERE ONE MORE PROOF THAT SYSTEMATIC ANIT-  
DAVIS CAMPAIGN HAD GONE FAR BEYOND BOUNDS OF RESPONSIBLE  
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BEHAVIOR. HIS REPLY WAS THAT US WAS "SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT"

AND HAD MADE ITS DECISION. "FUTURE WOULD TELL" IF AFRICANS COULD WORK WITH DAVIS BUT THEY FEARED THAT ARRIVAL THIS "EXPERT IN DESTABLIZING GOVERNMENTS" MEANT THERE WOULD BE COUPS IN AFRICA. TO THAT I REPLIED, "NONSENSE, THERE HAVE BEEN COUPS IN THE PAST AND THERE WILL BE COUPS IN THE FUTURE AND NEITHER DAVIS NOR ANY OTHER AMERICAN WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. HE THEN HAILED OUT MARCHETTI-MARKS BOOK AND TALKED ABOUT HOW FASCINATING IT ALL WAS. HE ALSO CHIDED ME ABOUT PRESS REPORTS CIA ASSASSINATION PLANS BUT REMARKED HE WELCOMED PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST FOREIGN CHIEFS OF STATE. I REPLIED AS BEST I COULD AND AGAIN ASKED THAT ZAIRE AS GOOD FRIEND OF US GIVE DAVIS CHANCE TO DO JOB. HE IS, I SAID, A FIRST-CLASS FELLOW WITH MORE AFRICAN BACKGROUND THAN ANYONE SEEMS TO REALIZE AND IF AFRICANS WILL ONLY MEET HIM PART WAY, THEY WILL HAVE NO CAUSE TO REGRET IT. BULA SAID, "I HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT."

4. HE THEN RETURNED TO SUBJECT OF KISSINGER, SAYING THAT WAY TO REESTABLISH BETTER ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE FOR KISSINGER TO VISIT BLACK AFRICA TO DEMONSTRATE HIS PERSONAL INTEREST. WE ARE, HE SAID, AS YOU KNOW, HIGHLY SENSITIVE PEOPLE. WE ADMIRE KISSINGER AND WHILE WE UNDERSTAND YOUR EXPLANATIONS OF HIS PRIORITIES, THE BEST WAY TO REESTABLISH COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WOULD BE KISSINGER VISIT. I REPLIED THAT I AGREED THAT KISSINGER VISIT WOULD BE HELPFUL, KNEW THAT HE WISHED TO VISIT BLACK AFRICA, BUT ALSO KNEW THAT, AS HE HIMSELF HAD SAID, THAT HE WOULD COME IF SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST EASED TO POINT WHERE TIME WERE AVAILABLE. HINTON

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